

# POINTER UPDATE

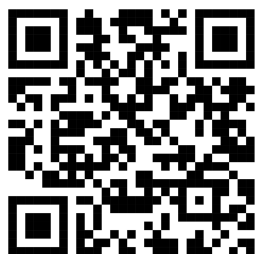
October 6, 2023

WE ARE **ONE**. WE ARE **FAMILY**. WE ARE **POINTERS**.

## Important News:



- **PLEASE NOTE:** If you are accessing this newsletter through Peachjar, hyperlinks will not work. You can click the "Learn More" button to go to the VBSD website or visit the high school website to be able to click the links directly. The Pointer Update is posted on the high school home page under "News and Announcements." Go to [www.vbsd.us](http://www.vbsd.us) > Schools > Van Buren High School
- **Congratulations to JD Frederiksen** on placing in the top 4 in the 5A State Golf Tournament on Monday and for earning All-State Honors.
- **Congratulations to the tennis team on a 3-peat!!** They are the 5A West Conference Champs for the 3rd year in a row scoring 16 total team points to Mountain Home in 2nd place with only 7.  
**Congratulations to Seth Dunn** on winning the 5A West Conference Championship in Men's Singles.  
**Congratulations to the following tennis players** for qualifying for State: *Seth Dunn, Maggie Adair, Josh Adair, Eli Adams, Kendall Besse and MacKenzie Gilliam.*
- **Parent-Teacher Conferences** will be held on October 17 and 19 from 3:30-6:30pm. Students will be dismissed at 2:00pm on both days. This is a chance to check how your student is doing in class, behaviorally and academically. Email conferences are a great option if you can not attend conferences on-site. Teacher email addresses can be found at <https://bit.ly/3Q1cQyr>
- **AP Students** - Fees for this year's AP exams are \$10 and are due by October 19. Even if you plan to take more than one AP exam this year, you pay only one \$10 fee. Scan the QR code for payment. If you plan to take the exam, but circumstances prevent you from paying the fee, please see Mrs. Hefner in room S206.



- **Purchase your yearbook today!**  
Where: <https://bit.ly/3LFCRjV>  
For senior ads: <https://forms.gle/wtHSnWPf5t4fGNPo8>  
For business ads: <https://forms.gle/W1F8VHqTM4AETaFQ6>  
Deadline: January 26, 2024
- **ATTN: Current Seniors and Juniors with a 3.75 or higher state GPA**, please check your school e-mail for an invitation to apply for National Honor Society membership. *Deadline to apply is October 15, 2023.* If you did not receive an e-mail and believe you should have, please contact Mrs. C. Bailey or Mrs. S. Dunn.
- **The United States Senate Youth Program (USSYP)** is pleased to announce that the state departments of education nationwide have begun the selection processes for the 62nd annual **Washington Week to be held March 2-9, 2024**. During the comprehensive education, leadership, and public service learning experience, 104 student delegates will be chosen to meet their U.S. senators and other government officials, and each delegate will receive a **\$10,000 undergraduate college scholarship**. Students must attend the entire Washington Week program to receive the financial scholarship. APPLICATIONS must be clearly POSTMARKED no later than October 20, 2023. More information can be found at <https://bit.ly/48mY3Fl>

- **Reminder about ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES:**
  - **A written note or an email must be given to one of the secretaries in the office within 5 school days for an absence to be excused by parent permission (no doctor's note).** [christie.murders@vbsd.us](mailto:christie.murders@vbsd.us)
  - **Any student who misses over 10 minutes of any class will be counted absent for that class.**
  - **Students who accumulate more than 10 unexcused absences in an individual class during the semester may be denied course credit. Students will be allowed 6 excused absences (without doctor's note); any absences after the 6 excused absence days will be counted as unexcused.**
- **Seniors:** It's never too early to start checking the **VBHS Scholarship Page!** Check out "Van Buren High School Scholarships" on Facebook.
- **Students that are issued a temporary ID badge** are automatically placed in morning detention the following morning. If you are issued a temporary badge, you are expected to be in morning detention the next morning at 7:30am in room N106. You will be emailed any information you might need.
- **Attention Students: Each student is required to wear THIS YEAR'S student ID while on campus.** The ID must be visible at all times, either on a lanyard or clipped to the student's clothing. Students are not allowed to clip an ID on their backpack.
- Would you like to receive the **Pointer Update in Spanish?** Join the Spanish Pointer Update Remind! Text @spanishpu to 81010 on your phone.
- **If your student is 16 and have not had their meningitis booster vaccine,** they must get it in order to remain in school. You may email our nurse your complete immunization record or email her with any questions. [Tara.dorrough@vbsd.us](mailto:Tara.dorrough@vbsd.us)
- **Parents:** Teachers recently attended a training on human trafficking. Learn how to protect your child from becoming a victim: <https://www.parentsagainstchildtrafficking.org/>
- For policies regarding things such as **dress code, student ID badges, and attendance,** please click the link to go to the 2022-23 Pointer Procedures posted on the high school website. <https://bit.ly/440FOBY>
- **All Students:** If you leave or enter the building for any reason between the hours of 8:00am and 3:00pm you must exit and enter through the door in the Commons by the front office.
- Follow us on social media! **Twitter:** @VanBurenHS @PointerUpdate @VBHS\_Counseling @VBSDPointers

**Facebook:** Van Buren High School, VBSD,

Van Buren High School Counselors

**Friday, October 6**

Happy Birthday, Coach Williams!  
6:30pm Homecoming Festivities at Blakemore  
7:00pm Football vs. Russellville @ Home  
\*HOMECOMING\*

**Saturday, October 7**

All-Region Choir Auditions @ Springdale  
Band Competition in Bentonville  
Prancer Competition in Alma

**Sunday, October 8**

Happy Birthday, Serenity Davis!

**Monday, October 9**

Happy Birthday, Mrs. Burtrom!  
Tennis 5A State Tournament  
7:00pm JV Football @ Greenwood

**Tuesday, October 10**

**EVENT - REN TUESDAY**  
Tennis 5A State Tournament  
4:30pm Volleyball vs. Alma @ Home

**Wednesday, October 11**

Happy Birthday, Coach McKinzie!  
PSAT  
**EVENT - DAWG POUND TIME**

**Thursday, October 12**

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4:30pm Volleyball @ Harrison (JV/V)

**Friday, October 13**

7:00pm Football @ Pulaski Academy

**UPCOMING EVENTS!**

Wednesday, October 11	PSAT
Tuesday, October 17	Early Dismissal 2:00pm
Tuesday, October 17	Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30-6:30pm
Thursday, October 19	Early Dismissal 2:00pm
Thursday, October 19	Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30-6:30pm
Friday, October 20	NO SCHOOL
Tuesday, October 24	Picture Retakes
Thursday, October 26	VBHS Fall Festival
Saturday, October 28	ACT
Friday, November 3	Senior Night Pep Rally
Friday, November 3	Regular Registration Deadline for December ACT
Wednesday, November 8	WorkKeys Test for Juniors
Thursday, November 16	Parent Involvement Meeting at 1:30 in Library
Monday, November 20 thru Friday, November 24	Thanksgiving Break
Saturday, December 9	ACT
Monday, December 18	Semester Exams, Even Hours
Tuesday, December 19	Semester Exams, Odd Hours

Wednesday, December 20	Make-up Semester Exams
Thursday, December 21 thru Friday, January 5	Semester Break

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES

TEACHER	COURSE	ASSIGNMENT	DUE DATE	QUESTIONS?
McLean	Principles of Engineering	VEX Compound Machine Design Project Demonstration & Documentation	Friday, Oct. 13	<a href="mailto:joe.mclean@vbsd.us">joe.mclean@vbsd.us</a>

